

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed action in Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 27, 2013 to April 23, 2013

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Determination

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

DOD/U.S Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Norfolk District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) proposes to issue two Regional Permits (RPs) (RP-01 and RP-02, formerly Letter of Permission (LOP)-1 and LOP-2, respectively) and reissue seven revised RPs (RP-05, RP-15, RP-17, RP-18, RP-19, RP-20 and RP-22). All of the permits are currently in effect, but will expire on August 14, 2013 with the exception of RP-05 and RP-20. RP-05 and RP-20 are set to expire on October 5, 2016 and May 25, 2017, respectfully. The Corps intends to reissue RP-05 and RP-20 at this time to allow for all RPs to have a consistent expiration date. A brief description of each RP is as follows: RP-01-for certain Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) roadway and railway projects; RP-02-for both new and maintenance dredging (channels and basins); RP-05-the discharge of dredged or fill material into non-tidal waters of the U.S., including wetlands, for the construction of small impoundments; RP-15-the maintenance of existing drainage ditches for either mosquito control purposes or stormwater management; RP-17-the installation of open-pile piers, mooring piles, certain covered boat houses/lifts, osprey poles/ platforms, and devices associated with shellfish gardening, for private use; RP-18-the installation of open-pile piers, mooring piles, mooring dolphins, fender piles, mooring camels, covered boathouses, boatlifts, osprey pilings/platforms, and devices associated with shellfish gardening, for private, commercial, community, and government use; RP-19-construction and/or installation of living shoreline projects, low breakwaters, bulkheads, riprap, groins, jetties, spurs and/or baffles, associated beach nourishment, boat ramps, and aquaculture/mariculture activities; RP-20-creation of artificial reefs and dredging of old shellfish reefs, when the material will be used to create new or enhance reefs owned, operated or managed by the Commonwealth of Virginia; RP-22-certain activities within the Virginia portion of Lake Gaston including: construction of piers, boat docks, boat ramps and boathouses; excavation of boat slips and channels; construction and backfilling of bulkheads and placement of riprap; and installation of submerged and aerial power lines and utility lines. The Corps has submitted a Federal Consistency Determination that finds the proposed action consistent, to the maximum extent practicable, with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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